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SUBJECT: BIODATA ON JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HIROSHI UCHIDA

REF: KINSHASA 6063

1. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC SETCH REQUESTED REFTEL RE JAPANESE AEP ZAIRE, HIROSHI UCHIDA. BORN FEB 23, 1918, UCHIDA GRADUATED TOKYO UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY AND ENTERED MOFA 1941. INDUCTED INTO IMPERIAL NAVY WITH OUTBREAK OF WAR, SERVED AS NAVAL OFFICER UNTIL 1945. IN IMMEDIATE POST-WAR PERIOD (1946-1949), WHEN USG CONTROLLED JAPANESE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, UCHIDA WAS DETAILED GOJ CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE (DEALING WITH OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES) AND TO MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AS WELL AS SERVING BGIEF TOURS IN MOFA. IN 1950 POSTED TO GOJ OVERSEAS OFFICE, KARACHI. SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED MOFA ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU (1952-1954) FOLLOWED BY ASSIGNMENT TO PARIS (1954-1957). FROM 1957 TO 1959 AGAIN IN MOFA ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU (INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION CHIEF). IN 1959, UCHIDA WAS DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE TO 15TH GATT CONFERENCE. SAME YEAR SERVED AS STAFF ASSISTANT TO FOREIGN MINISTER IN MOFA SECRETARIAT.

2. FOLLOWING TOUR AS ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU SEA SECTION CHIEF (1960-1961), TRAVELED TO US FOR STUDY AT HARVARD INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CENTER (1961-1962). IN 1962, UCHIDA

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APPOINTED COUNSELOR PARIS WITH CONCURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES RE

MADAGASCAR. FROM 1964 TO 1966 WAS COUNSELOR MOFA ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU. (IN 1965 SERVED AS DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE TO 2ND MINISTERIAL ASIA ECONOMIC COOPERATION CONFERENCE AS WELL AS ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK CONFERENCE, MANILA). FROM 1966 TO 1969, HELD POST AS COUNSELOR MOFA SECRETARIAT. IN 1969 NAMED CONSUL GENERAL, NEW YOR, POST HELD UNTIL SELECTED AEP ZAIRE MARCH 1972.

3. UCHIDA ANB WIFE, EMIKO, HAVE TWO GROWN CHILDREN (SON MAKOTO, AND DAUGHTER KEIKO). HE REPORTEDLY ENJOYS TENNIS, GOLF AND SAILING.
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